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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1998

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, give us a deeper awareness of the power of prayer. You have told us in the Bible that there are blessings You grant only when we care enough to pray for each other. Our attitudes are changed when we do pray for one another. We listen better and conflicts are resolved. We discover answers to problems together because prayer has made it easier to work out solutions. Working together becomes more pleasant and more productive.

Knowing this, we make a specific commitment to pray for the people with whom we disagree politically. As we pledge that we are one Nation under You, help us to exemplify for our Nation what it means to be one here in the Senate family, with unity in our diversity, held together with the bonds of loyalty to You and to our Nation.

Today, we experience the power of intercessory prayer for very specific needs. We ask You to comfort and encourage the survivors of the tornado that leveled the town of Spencer, South Dakota.

Also, we ask You for the continued healing and health of Senator ARLEN SPECTER. Be with him now as he is in surgery.

And we join with Members of both parties in thanking You for the life and leadership of Senator Barry Goldwater who served here in the Senate for 30 years. Bless his wife and family in this

time of grief. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

Mr. LOTT. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 2 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1415, the tobacco legislation, with several amendments pending. As was announced prior to the recess, there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. And also as a reminder to Members, a cloture motion was filed with respect to the motion to proceed to the nuclear waste bill. That vote, and any votes ordered during today's session or during the morning session of the Senate tomorrow, will be postponed to occur Tuesday, June 2, at 6 p.m.

For the remainder of the week, the Senate will continue consideration of the tobacco legislation, the nuclear waste bill, and possibly the Department of Defense authorization bill. I know the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee is anxious for us to return to the DOD authorization bill. It is my intent to do that at the earliest possible opportunity and that work be completed on

the authorization bill so that we can go to the military construction appropriations bill and the DOD appropriations bill.

We also may have some executive and legislative calendar items that will be cleared for action. I believe we have at least one more judicial nomination, perhaps others, that we will be able to move on today. We are hopeful there will be some conference reports available this week. Specifically, the Coverdell A+ education bill conference report could be ready this week. Work will continue on the IRS conference report, but it looks like that may not be available until next week.

Finally, I announce that with respect to the passing of our former colleague, Senator Barry Goldwater, the Senate will not be in session on Wednesday in honor of this distinguished Member of the U.S. Senate. Members will be attending funeral services on that day in Arizona.

I thank my colleagues for their attention and their cooperation as we go through the balance of this week.

I yield the floor, Mr. President.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ROBERTS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business, not to extend beyond the hour of 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The distinguished Senator from South Carolina is recognized.

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